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PAYMENT OF TELEPHONE BILLS THROUGH POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to facilitate payment of telephone bills in various sub-post offices in far flung, inaccessible and remote areas particularly the hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) BSNL has authorized Sub Post Offices and Branch Post Offices to accept payment of Telephone Bills. These include far flung and inaccessible and remote areas. In Himachal Pradesh payment of telephone bill facilities are available in 16 Head Post Offices, 497 Sub Post Offices and 301 Branch Post Offices, covering almost all hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh.

(b) State-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Annexure

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF POST OFFICES AUTHORISED TO ACCEPT PAYMENTS OF TELEPHONE BILLS

Sl.No.	Name of the State	No. of POs authorised to accept payments of telephone bills
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	45
2.	Andhra Pradesh	3064
3.	Assam	733
4.	Bihar	1088
5.	Chhattisgarh	244
6.	Gujarat	6260
7	Haryana	1832
8.	Himachal Pradesh	814
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	179
10.	Jharkhand	511
11.	Karnataka	3145
12.	Kerala	2345
13.	Madhya Pradesh	1627
14.	Maharashtra and Goa	7760
15.	Mizoram, Tripura and Meghalaya	261
16.	Nagaland	42
17.	Manipur	54
18.	Arunachal Pradesh	56
19.	Orissa	1193
20.	Punjab	3959
21.	Rajasthan	3264
22.	Tamil Nadu including Pondicherry	3317
23.	Chennai Telephones	401
24.	Uttar Pradesh (East) and Uttar Pradesh (West)	2915
25.	Uttaranchal	853
26.	West Bengal	1551

27.	Kolkata Telephones	151
28.	Sikkim	47
TOTAL		47711